



MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

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Waiver 18-06-011

Pursuant to § 19A-12(b)(1)(B) of the Public Ethics Law, a public employee must not be employed by a business that negotiates or contracts with the County agency with which the public employee is affiliated, unless the Ethics Commission grants a waiver.

Isabella Wise is a Community Service Aide III (CSA III) in the Positive Youth Development (PYD) Section of the Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS) Division at the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). She has requested outside employment to work as a Program Facilitator with Crittenton Services of Greater Washington (Crittenton) and requests a waiver of the prohibition of § 19A-12(b)(1)(B) as Crittenton contracts with DHHS.

DHHS has two contracts with Crittenton, neither of which are related to Ms. Wise's proposed outside employment. Additionally, Ms. Wise has no procurement or contract monitoring roles in her official or outside employment capacities.

Pursuant to § 19A-8(b)(3) of the Public Ethics Law, the Ethics Commission may grant a waiver of the prohibition of § 19A-12(b) if the Ethics Commission concludes that the proposed employment is not likely to create an actual conflict of interest. Upon a review of the request and the Department's concurrence in and support for the waiver request, the Commission finds that there is no actual conflict of interest. Pursuant to the standard of § 19A-8(b)(3), the Commission grants the waiver of the prohibition of § 19A-12(b).

The waiver is conditioned on Ms. Wise not working, in her County capacity, on matters where Crittenton is a party and on her not referring DHHS clients to Crittenton.

This waiver expires when the outside employment approval with which it is associated expires, unless a continuation request for outside employment is timely filed and subsequently approved by the Ethics Commission.

In reaching this decision, the Commission has relied upon the facts as presented by Ms. Wise.

For the Commission:



Steven Rosen, Chair